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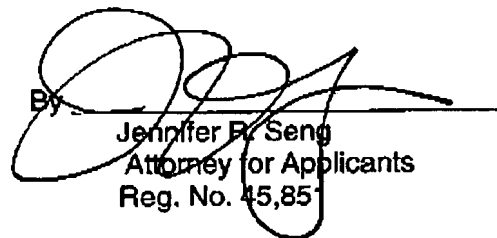
According to the Restriction Requirement, election of one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to dispersion,
- II. Claims 8 and 11-17, drawn to a method of forming a dispersion,
- III. Claims 9 and 18-25, drawn to an adhesive, and
- IV. Claim 10, drawn to a substrate.

Applicants elect Group I, with traverse. Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement. Under 35 U.S.C. § 121 an application may properly be required to be restricted to one of two or more claimed inventions only if they are able to support separate patents and are independent and distinct inventions. See MPEP 803. Applicants respectfully submit that if the search and examination of the entire application can be made **without serious burden**, the Examiner must examine the application on its merits, even though it includes claims to independent and distinct inventions. See MPEP 803.

Claims 1-7 are directed to the dispersion. Applicants respectfully submit that a single search encompassing dispersion could be performed and would encompass the method of forming the dispersion and an adhesive containing the dispersion. Also, Applicants submit that any additional search would not entail any "serious burden" on the Examiner, as the dispersion is an essential element to the Groups. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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